

Supplemental Summary of Witness Statement: CPO [REDACTED]

Date Statement Given: 19 Sep 07
Witness Name: BMC [REDACTED] USCG
Unit: MSST 91111 (Seattle)
Date/Time/Place of Incident: 25 Mar 07
Position: Waterside Section Chief

I conducted a follow up phone conversation with BMC [REDACTED].

I asked him if there was a qualification process for the waterside section chief position. He stated there was not at the time and that was confirmed by the CO. At the time, the program did not have a qualification standard or JQR for this position. Now they have a JQR for the TAO or Tactical Action Officer. At the time of the incident, Chief [REDACTED] was relatively new to the unit, had not attended SMTC and held no qualifications.

During the initial interview, he mentioned that he had 24 years of service and that he thought the escort mission was one of officer presence, and that many of these high speed maneuvers were unnecessary for HVA escorts. I asked that he clarify this statement. He stated the boat would be like a policemen in a cruiser. That the policeman must know how to conduct a high speed pursuits and tactics, but does not practice them every day in town. I asked him to clarify whether his personal feelings were relayed to his boat crews and could that have changed how the boats were operated. He stated that because he was new to the unit and had not attended the formal training, he did not modify how the boats were operated.

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Dated: 11/1/07

The supplemental summary above was reconstructed from notes and is factually accurate.

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